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I strongly disagree with the recommendation in the attached memorandum. While I appreciate the thoughts and discussions which predicate the recommendation to permit Blakey of the NSCA access to excised informant files, there are significant moral and perhaps legal considerations that should be further considered as well as the overall impact on our present and future informant programs. Informants, generally speaking, cooperate with us and law enforcement agencies with the expressed or tacit understanding that their identities will not be revealed outside the agency. It is almost impossible to excise informant files and still retain the information which is sought by the NSCA, without pinpointing informants. In this instance, the NSCA has made extensive reviews of the "Invader" files

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While Blakey is undoubtedly a man of integrity, the precedent we are establishing will become known to Bureau Agents and possibly eventually to current and potential informants. Not only have we violated our moral obligation, but it is within the realm of possibility we could be sued for betraying a contractual trust.

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In the interests of protecting our present and future informant programs, I recommend the informants involved in this instance, and in any other similar instances which may arise in the future, be contacted before we make available any information which could result directly or indirectly in revealing their identities to any individual outside the Bureau.

Ryan

PS - this could impact on our SWP case where we are trying to protect informants - also Jim Adams testified before SSC that we never had & never will reveal informants.